



Brownfields 2018 Assessment and Revolving Loan Fund Grant Fact Sheet

Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, IL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grant

\$458,500 for hazardous substances

\$141,500 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 30 Phase I and 15 Phase II environmental site assessments and develop reuse plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments and develop reuse plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used to update and maintain an inventory and prioritize brownfields sites. Assessment activities will focus on sites located within the City of Chicago Heights, and the Villages of Ford Heights and Sauk Village. Coalition partners are Chicago Heights, Ford Heights, and Sauk Village.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant

\$446,750 for hazardous substances

\$304,250 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability for a brownfields revolving loan fund coalition grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Cook County Department of Environmental Control will provide five loans to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum. Grant funds also will be used to market the RLF, oversee site cleanups, and conduct community involvement activities, including the creation of an information repository for each site. Coalition partners are the City of Chicago Heights and the Villages of Bellwood, Ford Heights, Franklin Park, Maywood, Sauk Village, and Schiller Park.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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